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SUBJ ECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE FLIGHTS TO BOSTON

REF: STATE 119763 (NOTAL)

1. WIRE SERVICES REPORT THAT CHRISTOFINI, PRESIDENT OF DIRECTING COMMITTEE AT AEROSPATIALE, TOLD PRESS JUNE 6 THAT CONCORDE FLIGHTS PLANNED FOR LATER THIS MONTH TO BOSTON AND MIAMI HAD BEEN CANCELLED. CHRISTOFINI SAID THIS DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN JUNE 6 BECAUSE OF COURT ACTION THAT HAD BEEN INITIATED AT BOSTON IN PROTEST AGAINST AIRPORT NOISE PROBLEM. AFP ADDS THAT CHRISTOFINI SPECIFIED THAT IN US IT IS NOT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT RATHER AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WHICH DETERMINE WHETHER AN AIRCRAFT CAN LAND AT A GIVEN AIRPORT, AND PENDING COURT ACTION AT BOSTON HAD THUS RULED OUT FOR TIME BEING POSSIBILITY OF FLIGHT TO THAT CITY. HE ADDED THAT US CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES WERE NOT OPPOSED TO FLIGHTS BY SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT BUT NUMEROUS FORMALITIES WERE NECESSARY TO

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OBTAIN THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS AND THESE FOR-

MALITIES REQUIRED SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. AFP REPORTS THAT GILBERT DEFER, ONE OF CONCORDE TEST PILOTS, LEFT FOR US ON JUNE 6 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AIMED IN PARTICULAR AT "DISSIPATING CERTAIN PREJUDICES NOT ONLY AS REGARDS NOISE BUT ALSO THE MANEUVERABILITY OF CONCORDE ON WHICH US OPINION HAS SOME RESERVATIONS."

3. AFP ADDS THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THEREFORE CONCORDE FLIGHTS OVER THE NORTH ATLANTIC ARE EXCLUDED, SINCE FLIGHTS TO US ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION AS IS ACCESS TO MONTREAL AIRPORT. AEROSPATIALE AND BAC ARE PROPOSING FURTHER LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS OVER OTHER ROUTES EXPLOITED BY AIR FRANCE AND BRITISH AIRWAYS, BUT THUS FAR NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED. IN MEANTIME, THEREFORE, CURRENT SERIES OF CONCORDE DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS IS BEING SUSPENDED AND CONCORDE 02, WHICH HAD BEEN USED FOR THE RECENT FLIGHTS BETWEEN PARIS AND RIO DE JANEIRO, WILL INSTEAD CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF "TECHNICAL FLIGHTS" FROM TOULOUSE.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANCELLATION OF US FLIGHTS FOLLOWS PRESS REPORTS OF "HISTORIC" ROUND TRIP FLIGHT BETWEEN PARIS AND RIO CARRIED OUT IN ONE DAY BY CONCORDE ON JUNE 5. AIRCRAFT LEFT CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT AT 7 AM AND RETURNED AT 9:58 PM AFTER BRIEF STAY AT RIO AND REFUELING STOPS AT DAKAR ON EACH LEG OF JOURNEY. THIS FLIGHT FOLLOWED EARLIER FLIGHTS BETWEEN PARIS AND RIO BUT WHICH WERE NOT SINGLE DAY ROUND TRIPS.

5. IN LIGHT REFTTEL INFO, IS CHRISTOFINI REFERENCE TO COURT ACTION AT BOSTON CORRECT OR IS THIS LIKELY CONFUSION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND'S EARLIER SUIT MENTIONED STATE 112904?

6. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS REPORTING LATEST DEVELOPMENT RE BOTSTON FLIGHT JUST LEARNED FROM LATHIERE.

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